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25X1 7. [ ] Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say that Senator Lowell P. Weicker (R., Conn.) had been in touch with them about the possibility of his going to Canada on behalf of Mrs. Downey. He has asked State's advice on this and Symmes wanted to get our views. I told Symmes that in the current climate we felt the most effective negotiations would be those undertaken by private individuals and the less official intervention the better. I mentioned the fact that Mrs. Downey currently has a request pending with the Red Chinese government and it would be best to let that situation develop without interference.

25X1 8. [ ] Mr. Joseph Wolf, Department of State, called with reference to letters sent out to various departments and agencies requesting witnesses to appear before Senator Church's Subcommittee to discuss the [ ] He commented that the Pentagon has agreed to have the MAG chief testify but will not bring back the Defense attache. He said they are taking the position that any intelligence briefing should come from the Agency. I told him that the Director was scheduled to testify before this group on 5 May and that [ ] hearings. Wolf asked if I knew what the Subcommittee was trying to get at. I told him I was not too clear on this but I would look into it. He said they would appreciate any information we could give them which would avoid any conflict in testimony by the various witnesses. 25X1

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15. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Rosalind Hoffman, in the office of Representative Robert Drinan (D., Mass.), called to ask what the merits of the polygraph were in connection with legislation that is being drafted to prohibit the use of the polygraph. I told her I believed this subject had been studied by congressional committees previously and that I would see if I could come up with a citation to such committee hearings or reports. She said this would be "fantastic."

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 Robert Hull, Department of State, called to discuss proposed Foreign Service Retirement Act amendments. As soon as he gets them on paper he will send them over to us for our information and review.

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[redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the current status of the Agency retirement investment program. Mr. Preston had no questions and seemed mildly impressed by the program. Mr. Preston passed on to me that the Chairman, by remarks relating to the meeting with Agency and State personnel about the Radios, has emphasized his strong determination

[redacted] He told 25X1 me also that the Committee schedule for the coming month is extremely tight. The Committee is already getting behind supplemental and reprogramming legislation. Also, the Chairman has mentioned his desire for a meeting of the "special group;" unless something happens to force a change, there is little time available to schedule one. As an item of old business, Mr. Preston also noted that there will not be time in the next week or so for any review of files.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the India/Pakistan situation and the Salyut space mission.

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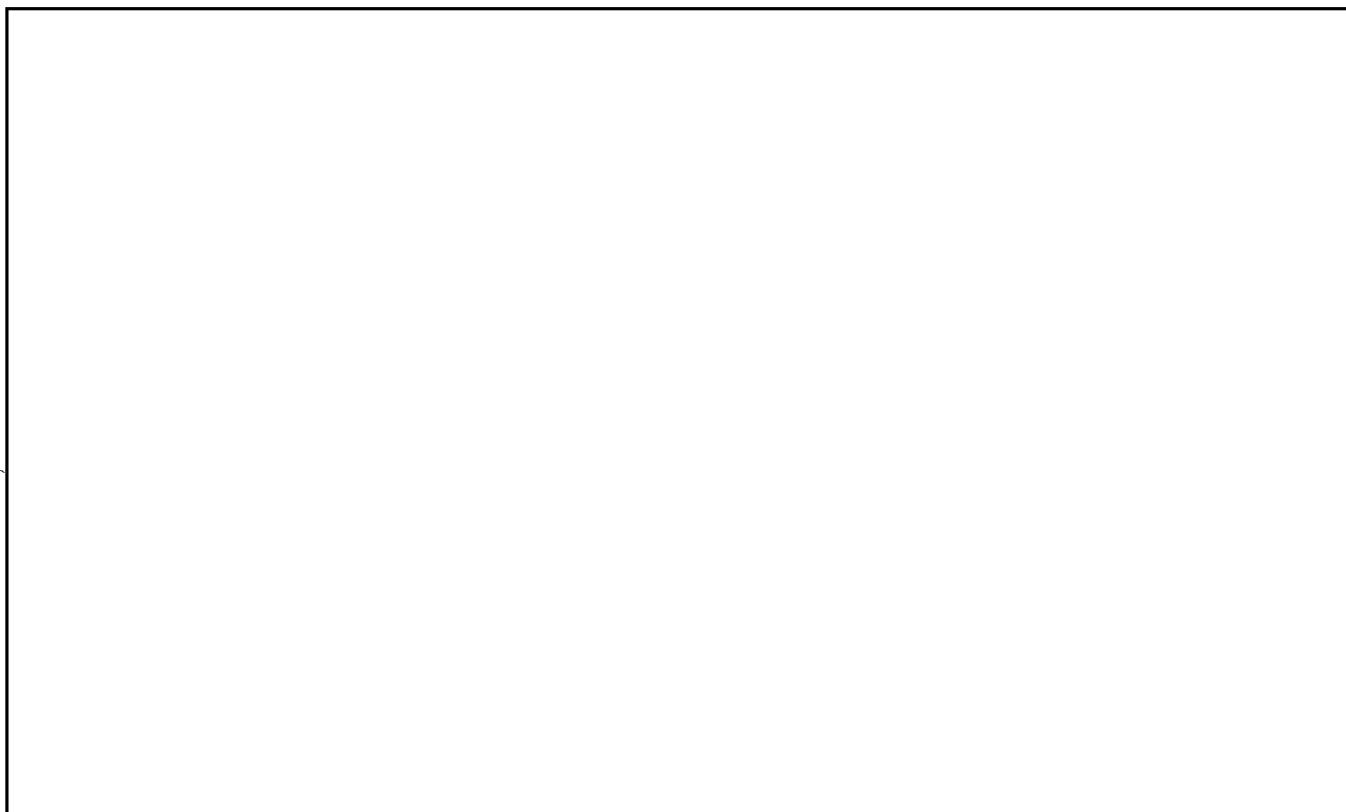
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[redacted] Mr. David Abshire's secretary called to say he was setting up a meeting with House Speaker Albert regarding RFE and RL for Wednesday morning and asked if Mr. Meyer and I would be available. I said we would and Mr. Abshire will let us know later of the time and place of the meeting.

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3. [redacted] Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called regarding our respective responses to identical letters the Agency and the Department have received from Senator McGovern inquiring about opium traffic in Southeast Asia. I read Symmes our draft reply, which I said I hope we could convey orally but might put in writing if the Senator insisted. Symmes said he would let me know by tomorrow morning how State plans to respond.

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